

Presidents October 2008 Message

Greetings fellow members:

We had a great turnout for our chapter luncheon on September 4th, with a presentation by Bert Nuehring from Crowe Horwath and Joshua Murer representing both Crowe Horwath and the Indianapolis Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors. They presented "How Sarbanes Oxley Act Mandates Affect Government" very well, according to membership feedback, earning 1 CPE in our continuing education program. Our second Audio Conference of the year orchestrated by AGA was on September 10th: "FRAUD PREVENTION AND DETECTION - The Cost with No Return," earning 2 CPEs. We had one of our largest turnouts for it and received many compliments.

Mark your calendars for Audio Conferences coming up on December 10th entitled "21st Century Financial Managers: New Mix of Skills and Education Levels," for another 2 CPEs. And, of course, our chapter luncheon is scheduled for October 2nd in the State Library, with presentations on Indiana's Budget, presented by Deputy Budget Director Adam Horst.

We continued to foster community service through our assistance in September with library book sales and continuing with the "Back Pack Attack," collection of school supplies for children. We will be expanding our outreach with exciting programs in the coming year as we team with members from the Indianapolis (federal) Chapter AGA.

As I mentioned before, Co-Chairs have been appointed for most of our committees. Please offer your time and talents to any of our committees when called upon; this is everyone's chapter and we should all be willing and ready to pitch in to help. Volunteer early, if you're not contacted, and beat the rush! It makes small tasks out of large ones and you can get more from your membership by giving more.

We continue to update our website at www.agacentralin.org and there is always news on the national site at www.agacgfm.org. Anyone interested in studying for the CGFM certification should request help through our CGFM committee. We have study guides to loan out and are organizing study groups for those interested in taking the exam in the very near future.

Thank you for making our chapter events part of your calendar and action plans. Many thanks to our committees, as well, who are working hard to bring you the very best we can offer for your membership dollar. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at JFRihm@sboa.IN.gov, or any of our Committee Chairs.

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